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Free Scanning in the Libraries!

Save money and trees with the Libraries' new Bookeye Scanners! Use the scanners to scan copies of books, journals, and other library resources. Then, send the scanned copies as PDFs to your email account or save them to a flash drive. If you need assistance with using the scanners, a nearby librarian will be happy to help you. A Bookeye Scanner is located in both the Thomas Jefferson and Barnes Libraries.



Study Rooms on Level 5 of the Thomas Jefferson Library.



Coming Soon!

In the coming weeks you'll be able to enjoy coffee and snacks in Café TJ, the Thomas Jefferson Library's new café!

Library Services – Ask Us!

The UMSL Libraries offer a variety of services to help you succeed during your academic pursuits.

Reference Desk: [Librarians](#) are available to field your questions during most open hours of the library.

Email: You can ask a quick question through eref@umsl.edu. Turn-around time for an answer is generally less than 24 hours.

Research Consultation: Schedule a one-on-one consultation with a librarian if you are stuck on a research assignment, or just don't know where to begin, a librarian can help you.

Study Areas: The 4th floor of the Thomas Jefferson Library has been designated a quiet study area. On the 5th floor are study rooms that can be reserved [online](#). The Libraries continue to create study spaces that work for you!

Checking out materials: Using your student ID, you may [check out materials](#) at the Circulation Desk.

Laptops: May be checked out for use at the Circulation Desk in the TJ Library.

Research Guides: Available in both print and electronic format on a variety of topics relevant to your academic success.

These and [more services](#) are provided to you in person and through the Libraries' website – www.umsl.edu/library. Ask Us!

Single-Search with Summon

A prominent feature of the new Libraries' [homepage](#) is the single search box, Summon. This easy-to-use search tool can be used to search most UMSL Libraries' resources including books and journal / newspaper articles. You can refine your Summon search in many ways including Content Type (journal articles, books), Subject Type, and Library Location. Remember when you are on the UMSL Libraries' homepage you can still do a more traditional search for books by clicking on the [Books/Catalogs](#) link or journal articles by clicking on the [Articles/Databases](#) link.



Thomas Jefferson Library



Ward E. Barnes Library

Did You Know?

The Libraries have a new homepage? Check out our new [look!](#)

You can learn about the Libraries' great services and resources and stay up-to-date on news and events? Follow us on Facebook and Twitter!



You can search for books on your smartphone? The AirPAC, a mobile version of the MERLIN Catalog is available. Visit <http://laurel.iso.missouri.edu> on your smartphone and you will be automatically redirected to the AirPAC.

The Libraries' databases are now arranged by Subject and Type? Click [here](#) to see where to find primary sources, audio, images, statistics, maps, e-books, and much more.

Many databases will format your article citations in MLA, APA, or other formats? For more information see the [Formatting Citations](#) subject guide.



Database Spotlight! Learning Express Library

Studying for the Graduate Records Exam (GRE) or struggling with College Algebra? [***Learning Express Library***](#) is a comprehensive, interactive online database of practice tests and tutorials designed to help you succeed. Get immediate scoring, complete answer explanations, and an individualized analysis of your results. ***Learning Express*** provides practice tests, exercises, skill-building courses, eBooks, and information to prepare for graduate school admittance exams, help obtain employment and required licensing, and improve skills in areas such as writing, computers, and math.

Selected areas include:

- Admissions and Placement Preparation (GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT, TOEFL, and more)
- Jobs and Careers (for positions requiring licensing and certification, such as PRAXIS for teaching and NCLEX-RN Examination for nursing)
- Job Search and Workplace Skills (including resume writing and interviewing skills.)
- Skills Improvement (improve writing, math, and other skills)

Important Note: All users must register to use the ***Learning Express Library***. This allows use of all materials and the ability to continue where you stopped in the middle of a practice test.